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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO'S MEETING WITH MOOSE:
BAKER CASE

1. DURING JOLAOSO'S MEETING WITH MOOSE (SEE SEPTTEL), JOLAOSO INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK MEETING TO CLARIFY POINTS ON BAKER CASE. HE STATED THAT MEA HAD AUTHORIZED ISSUANCE OF A 90-DAY VISA TO ALLOW BAKER TO TRAVEL TO LAGOS TO ATTEND MEETING HE HAD SAID MUST TAKE PLACE BEFORE END OF JULY. JOLAOSO SAID BAKER'S REFUSAL TO AVAIL HIMSELF OF THIS VISA AND INSISTENCE THAT HIS RESIDENCE PERMIT BE RESTORED HAD DISAPPOINTED LAGOS. JOLAOSO SAID HE HIMSELF DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE CASE HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED.

2. MOOSE RESPONDED THAT HE, TOO, FINDS CASE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHY BAKER DID NOT ACCEPT THE OFFER OF A 90-DAY VISA. HE STATED THAT THE WHOLE EPISODE IS TROUBLESOME BECAUSE WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO TRYING TO CREATE A GOOD ATMOSPHERE FOR AMERICAN
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BUSINESSMEN IN NIGERIA. BAKER IS WELL KNOWN AS A FRIEND OF NIGERIA, AND HIS CASE IS CAUSING OTHERS TO WONDER WHY HE HAS NOT GOTTEN HIS RESIDENCE PERMIT RESTORED.

3. MOOSE CONTINUED WITH SPECULATION THAT PERHAPS BOTH SIDES IN THE CASE ARE STANDING ON PRINCIPLE, BUT THAT PERHAPS THERE ARE CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHICH HE IS NOT

AWARE. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO
BAKER TO CLARIFY HIS REFUSAL OF THE 90-DAY VISA OFFER
AND ENDED BY PROMISING TO CALL BAKER. VANCE

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